**To: Department Heads**

**From: Bev Lannan, Suzanne Trice, and Technology Integration Collaborative Committee (***formerly Technology Integration and Technology User’s Group***)**

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**Re: Questions regarding Technology and Electronic Personal Devices**

There have been several discussions in regards to how teachers can use technology and personal devices within the classroom. We will continue providing professional development opportunities to help teachers become more comfortable with using technology as an instructional tool. With these discussions, there have been many questions/comments that have come up. Many of these questions/comments have revolved around what the kids are using and understanding what can be accessed even though Pinkerton is not a Wi-Fi campus. With the new social media policy being implemented this year, it technically allows and supports a “bring your own device” policy.

Several teachers have made comments about not using technology because they do not know what students have, can do, or have access to in regards to technology. **Since teachers have students fill out a personal information sheet to get to know their students at the start of the semester, here are some additional questions teachers may want to add.** The following questions are a list of suggested questions in regards to technology - all, some or none may be used! *These are just suggested questions so that teachers can have an understanding of what resources the students have access to in order to plan appropriate classroom activities – both inside and outside of the class*.

**Suggestions for adding questions to personal information sheets:**

* Do you have a computer at home?
* Do you have a printer at home?
* Generally speaking, is your computer reliable? Do you often have problems with it?
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* If you are working on school work **at home**, how and where to you save your material? (Example: on desktop, designated “School folder,” flashdrive,” cloud source/website/webspace such as Evernote, Dropbox, Google Drive, other). If stored out in cyberspace (cloud), what do you use?
* If you are working on school work **at school**, how and where to you save your material? (Example: on desktop, designated “School folder,” flashdrive,” cloud source/website/webspace such as Evernote, Dropbox, Google Drive, other). If stored out in cyberspace (cloud), what do you use?
* **Do you have a cell phone?**
* **Do you bring your cell phone to school everyday?**
* **Is your cell phone a Smart phone? If yes, what kind do you have?**
* **Can your phone access the internet using your cellular provider (example: T-Mobile, Sprint, Verizon, AT&T)? (What this means is that the phone can access the internet in a non- wi-fi area, thus not tapping into Pinkerton’s internet access)**
* Do you have an iPad or other type of tablet (if other, name the type)?
* Would you bring your iPad to school?
* Can you access the internet using your tablet in a non wi-fi area?